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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS DISCUSSIONS: FSO RICHARD M. GIBSON

REF: STATE 195000 (NOTAL)

1. FOR MANILA: RICHARD M. GIBSON (S/NM) WILL BE IN THAILAND ON NARCOTICS-RELATED MATTERS AUGUST 15 THROUGH 24. EN ROUTE BACK TO WASHINGTON WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL FOR GIBSON TO STOPOVER IN MANILA TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO DEPARTMENT'S (S/NM) SUPPORT FOR THE ASEAN PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE MANILA AUGUST 24 AT 1440 VIA TG 620 AND DEPART AUGUST 26 VIA MS 868 AT 0830. PLEASE MAKE SINGLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE HOLIDAY INN OR SIMILAR HOTEL.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY ARRANGE MEETING WITH PHILIPPINE ASEAN SECRETARIAT AND UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES OFFICIALS TO
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FINALIZE BUDGET FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN FY 1979. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS HOPE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING. (FYI ONLY: IF THIS STILL REMAINS BUREAUCRATICALLY IMPRACTICAL, WE WILL PROCEED WITH PROJECT BASED ON OUR EARLIER COMMITMENT AT DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MEETING AND AT LAST WEEK'S MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE. LACK

OF COOPERATION, HOWEVER, MAY AFFECT FUTURE USG FUNDING OF

THIS PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES -- E.G. WE MAY ENTERTAIN WHAT WE BELIEVE WOULD BE WILLINGNESS OF THAILAND OR OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS TO HOST SECOND SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION. END FYI). AS WE UNDERSTAND STATE OF PLAY ON THIS PROPOSAL, ASEAN SIDE AGREED TO PREPARE REVISED BUDGET BASED ON COMMENTS IN USG TALKING PAPER PRESENTED IN MANILA. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THESE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH NEED TO

BE SORTED OUT BEFORE GIBSON'S ARRIVAL, PLEASE ADVISE WITH INFO TO BANGKOK FOR GIBSON.

3. FOR BANGKOK AND CHIANG MAI: IN VIEW OF ABOVE, GIBSON PLANS TO DEPART BANGKOK ON AUGUST 24 VIA TG 620 AT 1005. TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT TIME IN BANGKOK FOR BILATERAL INC PROGRAM CONSULTATIONS, WE PROPOSE THAT HE LEAVE CHIANG MAI MONDAY, AUGUST 21, FOR BANGKOK. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE THAI LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP USEFUL, HE COULD LEAVE THAT EVENING.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMING GIBSON'S RESERVATIONS ON THAI AIRWAYS FLIGHTS BETWEEN BANGKOK AND CHIANG MAI.

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5. FOR BANGKOK AND HONG KONG: GIBSON UNABLE TO CONFIRM HIS AUGUST 15 CX 741 FLIGHT FROM HONG KONG TO BANGKOK. HE HAS CHANGED RESERVATIONS TO PA 05 DEPARTING HONG KONG AUGUST 15 AT 2215 AND ARRIVING BANGKOK 0055 ON AUGUST 16. VANCE

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